

DESCRIPTION OF HIiking TRAILS

- 1. EASY—9 mile. Joins with Trail 2 for a short distance to return to near Lodge. Leads through wooded land where oak, hickory, sassafras, beech and maple may be observed.
  - 2. MODERATE—2 miles. CCC-built trail with many impressive stone bridges, stairways, and retaining walls. Starts and ends on north side of lodge. Passes near Lower Shelter and North Lookout Tower.
  - 3. MODERATE—1.25 miles. An interesting trail to observe a variety of topography. Passes saddle barn and amphitheatre to return to the lodge. Varieties of ferns can be seen in the ravines and on the slopes.
  - 4. MODERATE—1.25 miles. Starts near the front of the rally campground and leads through upland terrain to a deep ravine at the headwaters of Ogle Lake. Joins Trail 7 for short distance. Meets with Trail 5 to return to trailhead.
  - 5. RUGGED—.75 mile. A self-guided nature trail through Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve. This trail starts near the parking lot for rally campground and continues down a wooded slope, where yellowwood trees exist. Returns near the rally campground. Connects with Trail 4. The pileated woodpecker has been observed in the area through which this passes.
  - 6. MODERATE—1.75 miles. Encircles Jimmie Strahl Lake where the hiker may enjoy an easy walk around the lake and return to the point of origin near the dam. Connecting spur to Nature Center.
  - 7. MODERATE—1.5 miles. This trail enables the hiker to explore the shores of Ogle Lake while in a hilly, wooded habitat. Here also, pileated woodpeckers have been known to nest.
  - 8. MODERATE—3.5 miles. Extends eastward from West Lookout, continues to near Hesitation Point, and then southwest to parking area at Ogle Lake & Trail 7.
  - 9. MODERATE—3.0 miles. Starts near Site 324 in Taylor Ridge Campground. No parking available at trailhead. Travels ridgetop beyond campground, dropping into adjacent valley to follow stream for some distance before looping back to ridgetop. Passes near a wildlife watering pond and through a stand of pine trees.
  - 10.MODERATE—2.2 miles. Follows ridge behind Firetower before looping northward crossing deep ravines and hilltops. Passes small shelter built by C.C.C.
- FRIENDS TRAIL—EASY. Short, easy-walking, paved trail on flat terrain; constructed by the “Friends of Brown County State Park”.

ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

**CAMPING** — Campground equipped with flush toilets, hot water and showers. Occupancy limited to 14 consecutive nights. A separate horsemen's campground is available. Rally campground available. Camping reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

**CAMP STORE** — Camping and picnic supplies, firewood, souvenirs. Open April thru October.

**FAMILY CABINS** — Two bedrooms, living rooms; complete kitchen; bathroom; will sleep eight; linens; dishware and cooking utensils provided; easy walking distance to the Lodge. Make Brown County State Park family cabin reservations through the inns reservation system.

**FISHING** — Bass, bluegill, etc. State license required and available at park office. Rowboats permitted on Ogle Lake only. Ogle Lake—17 acres; Strahl Lake—7 acres.

**HIKING** — More than 18 miles of easy-to-rugged trails.

**HORSE TRAILS** — Facilities for those who wish to bring their own horses. Inquire at park office.

**INN** — Lodge and cabin guest rooms, dining room, banquet and meeting facilities. Open year-round. Reservations available through the inns reservation system.

**INTERPRETIVE NATURALIST SERVICE** — Inquire at nature center, park office, or lodge. Program schedules are available on the website at [www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov) or call 1-812-988-5240.

**MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL** — MODERATE. 6 miles. For bikers and hikers. Winds around hills, ravines and across streams. Starts from parking lot south of the pool; also access points near North Lookout Tower. 250 ft. of change in elevation. Built and maintained by volunteers.

**PICNIC AREAS** — Tables, grills, toilet facilities, playground equipment and playfields. Wood available from Camp Store during summer months.

**SHELTERS** — Reservations available through the Central Reservation System.

**SADDLE BARN** — Bridle trails, pony rides, hayrides. Inquire at saddle barn or 1-812-988-8166 (seasonal).

**SWIMMING** — Olympic size pool, open Saturday before Memorial Day and no later than Labor Day. Pool may close toward end of summer when there are no lifeguards available. Swimming prohibited in Ogle and Strahl Lakes.

THIS IS YOUR PARK

All visitors are expected to observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which state parks were established, namely, to preserve a primitive landscape in its natural condition for the use and enjoyment of the people.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Do not injure or damage any structure, rock, tree, flower, bird or wild animal within the Park. Do NOT gather limbs, brush or trees (either dead or alive) for firewood! It MUST be allowed to remain to rebuild the natural humus.
- Any firearm, BB gun, air gun, CO<sub>2</sub> gun, bow and arrow, or spear gun in possession in a state park must be unloaded or un-nocked and stored in a case or locked within a vehicle except when participating in an activity authorized by written permit.
- Dogs and cats must be kept on a leash no longer than six feet and attended at all times.
- There shall be no vending or advertising without permission of the Department of Natural Resources.
- Camping is permitted only in the campground. Youth groups must be under adult supervision.
- Fires shall be built only in places provided.
- Please comply with the Carry In/Carry Out trash policy in all day use areas. Overnight guests must put waste in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- Motorists will observe speed limits as posted, and park in designated areas. 30 m.p.h. maximum.
- Swimming is limited to the pool only.
- Drinking water should be taken only from pumps, hydrants or fountains provided for that purpose. This water is tested regularly for purity.
- Report lost or found articles to the park office.
- Pull off roads while observing wildlife. Feeding of wildlife is prohibited.
- Use of metal detectors is prohibited.

For a complete list of rules and regulations inquire at park office.

PLEASE STAY ON MARKED TRAILS!


CENTRAL RESERVATION SYSTEMS

Reservations for all types of camping, family cabins, and shelters at state parks, reservoirs and forest can be made by going online or use the toll free number.



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Reservations: **1-877-lodges1**  
(1-877-563-4371)  
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Please carry out all trash you produce in order to keep your park clean and beautiful for others to enjoy!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Write:** Brown County State Park  
P.O. Box 608, 1405 St. Rd. 46 West  
Nashville, Indiana 47448

**Call:** (812) 988-6406

**DNR**  
Indiana Department of Natural Resources  
[www.dnr.IN.gov](http://www.dnr.IN.gov)

SPECIAL NOTE

Receipts from admission and service charges are used to help defray the operation and maintenance costs of the park. List of fees available in the park office.

The Programs, services, facilities, and activities of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources are available to everyone. DNR prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity, or facility as described above, or if you desire further information please write to: Department of Natural Resources, Executive Office, 402 W. Washington St., Rm. W256, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 232-4020.

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BROWN  
COUNTY  
STATE PARK



Brown County State Park is the largest Indiana State Park. This nationally known 15,696 acre facility first opened to the public in 1929.

In the first few years as the park grew in popularity, several facilities were developed. Abe Martin Lodge, several cabins and a saddle barn were built, as was a swimming pool. The roads, entrances, and many trails were added and improved during this time.

On June 1, 1934, the Veteran's Civilian Conservation Corps Company 1557 began its work. The planting of black locust, black walnut, various pines and spruces gave nature a helping hand in healing extreme erosion. The CCC workers also built many of the existing buildings, shelters, ovens, roads, trails and the west lookout tower. They cleared most of the vistas along the park's roadway and built Ogle Lake in 1934-35. Strahl Lake was built earlier, around 1929.

For those who would rather see the park on foot or horseback, many miles of well-marked trails are available. About 70 miles of bridle trails and over 18 miles of hiking trails lead through the steep, forested hills. The roadless southwestern and eastern parts of the park can be visited only by foot or horseback. The Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve, within the park, contains an attractive self-guiding nature trail, which describes natural aspects of the park.

Picnickers have their choice of several picnic areas — some of which have shelters equipped with fireplaces. Several have comfort stations located nearby.

The park has a nature center in which a snake exhibit, bird-watching room and other displays are housed. Naturalist services are available year-round and are headquartered in the nature center, however, reduced hours are in effect for the winter season.

The wildlife that inhabits Brown County State Park includes a variety of species adapted to life in the forest and forest edges. Some mammals such as the white-tailed deer, raccoon, gray squirrel, and various birds including robin, white-breasted nuthatch, bluejay, cardinal, junco, crow and wild turkey are seen by visitors.

Camping sites are available year-round. The campgrounds have electrical hook-ups and modern comfort stations and showers. Brown County also has a horsemen's campground located in the extreme southern part of the park. For those visitors who prefer all of the comforts of home, Abe Martin Lodge contains 84 lodge rooms (each with two beds and bathroom), as well as two large meeting rooms, and a dining room. There are also 24 sleeping cabins for rent with a total of 56 bedrooms. Twenty family cabins, completely furnished, are available year-round.

The park offers a swimming pool, shelterhouses, playground equipment, fishing on two lakes, bridle trails and a country store for picnic supplies and souvenirs.

The varied facilities of Brown County State Park make possible enjoyable outdoor experiences for people with a wide range of tastes and preferences.

Please let wild animals remain wild. Feeding deer is prohibited. Feeding of wild animals can result in harm to both animals and people. Animals that depend on handouts become a nuisance to park visitors and a danger to themselves. Please lock up all food and coolers inside cars or campers. Roll car windows up tightly.